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The Honorable Lyda Krewson
Mayor City of St. Louis
1200 Market Street, Room 200
St. Louis, MO 63103

Re: Appointments to the Board of Freeholders

Dear Mayor Krewson:

The majority of the members of The Board of Aldermen's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee and 4 of the African American members of the Committee have tabled all of your nominations to the Board of Freeholders. We have taken this action because we are greatly disappointed in your disproportionate lack of nominations from North St. Louis. There is only one person whom you nominated that lives and is registered to vote north of Page Blvd. We believe this is unfair to all the residents of the City of St. Louis and particularly unfair to the residents of North St. Louis

We do not take this action of tabling all of your nominations lightly or for nefarious purposes. We have tabled all the nominations so that we can work with you in a collaborative manner to make sure all parts and neighborhoods of the City of St. Louis are represented fairly on the Board of Freeholders. This can be done by your retracting 4 of your nominations and replacing them with our recommendations which more fairly reflect the entire City of St. Louis. Then we will be able to collectively and recommend ALL of your nominations to the Board of Freeholders to the Full Board of Aldermen with a due pass recommendation.

To assist you with this process, we have included 3 recommendations with this correspondence and we will send you the fourth by Thursday Morning, October 17, 2019. All of them live in and are registered to vote north of Page Blvd. These recommendations are made by members of the African American Board of Aldermen. The 5 African American members of the Committee have a long history of being elected to represent North St. Louis wards and neighborhoods. One of our members has been elected to the Board of Aldermen since 1991. We are therefore uniquely qualified to recommend any nominations you make that would significantly affect our communities.

In our conversations with you, you indicated that you somehow believe that your Black nominees were reflective of the residents of North St. Louis although all but one live in other neighborhood. This is far from the truth. One nominee is a resident and registered voter of the 28th Ward, is the current Republican Committeewoman of the 28th Ward, and has not lived in North St. Louis for many years. North St. Louis is overwhelming a Democratic stronghold with about 95-98% of the residents being Democrat. In North St. Louis neither Black nor White Republicans could be elected and would not be the person our community would pick or we would approve to represent them on the Board of Freeholders.

Another of your Black nominees is a former resident of East St. Louis and has lived Downtown for the last 5 years. She has never lived in North St. Louis and has no nexus or knowledge about our community. You assert that she lives in the 19th Ward in what was historically a Black Ward and therefore represents North St. Louis. However, the current gerrymandered configuration that runs from South St. Louis to Downtown to North St. Louis is in no way a shadow of the historically Black 19th Ward whose boundaries were predominately in North St. Louis. In fact the current 19th Ward violates the law about ward being compact, contiguous and communities of the same interest. This woman lives in Downtown not North St. Louis and cannot represent North St. Louis.

Your third Black nominee is a North St. Louisan who moved to the Central West End's 17th Ward at least 20-25 years ago. He now resides on the south side of Delmar in the DeBaliviere Place Neighborhood. Although this is located in the 26th Ward, as we all know by the great Delmar Divide Conversations this City has had over the last years, his address is not located in North St. Louis. His nexus to North St. Louis would be the Church he is the Pastor of but he even admitted that most of his members are now from North County.

What is upsetting to us is that your nominations are unfair to North St. Louis. In fact when questioned about the lack of inclusion of North St. Louis residents most of the people you nominated also stated it was unfair that you would only nominate one person who resides north of Page. Your nominations reflect 4 people from South St. Louis, 4 from the Central Corridor or downtown and only 1 from North St. Louis. This is patently unfair. The central corridor of which you are a resident is unduly represented in your nominations.

As you are aware, the Board of Freeholders is authorized by the Missouri Constitution, specifically Article VI, section 30a. The Board of Freeholders would consist of 19 members from the County and City who would be able to suggest changes in the City and County governments. Their suggestions could include consolidating the territories and government of the City and County into one government of the City of St. Louis; or consolidating the territories and government of the City and County into one government under the St. Louis County government; or the City of St. Louis annexing part of St. Louis County; or establishing a metropolitan district or districts for the functional administration of services; or formulating and adopting any other plan for the partial or complete government of all or any part of the city and county. **Therefore a Freeholder's plan could supersede charter provisions, ordinances and laws relating specifically to**

suggestions would then have to go to a vote of the people in both the City and County and be passed by both, we want to make sure the neighborhoods and residents of North St. Louis are properly represented at the table.

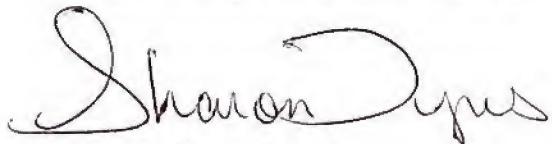
This letter is to assure you we want to work collaboratively with you. But to do so the process must be fair to the communities we represent. This means we must have fair representation on the Board of Freeholders with people that represent the interest of the residents of North St. Louis. That way we can have confidence that recommendations made by the Board of Freeholders take into account the concerns of the residents of North St Louis. If we do not get fair representation on the Board of Freeholder for North St. Louis, then we will have no choice but to organize and fight the suggestions made by the Board of Freeholders at the polls. Then this entire process will have been a waste of time just as was The Better Together process. Please take time to look at our recommendation for nominations.

We look forward to you hearing from.

Respectfully,



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Alderman 4th Ward
Chair, Intergovernmental Affairs



Sharon Tyus, Esq.
Alderwoman 1st Ward
Vice Chair, Intergovernmental Affairs

Recommendations from North St. Louis Aldermen

1. JoAnn Williams, Resident of the 21st Ward-Penrose Neighborhood, Democrat
2. Sterling S. Miller, Resident of the 1st Ward-1st Ward Committeeman, Kingsway East Neighborhood, Democrat
3. Dwinderlyn Evans, Resident of the 4th Ward-4th Ward Committeewoman Greater Ville Neighborhood, Democrat
4. To Be Submitted

*All applications and resumes numbered 1-3 above will be submitted electronically to you by the end of the day. The 4th recommendation along with their application and resume will be sent Thursday morning.

Recommendations from South St. Louis Aldermen

1. Bridget Flood, Resident of the 13th Ward, Democrat
2. LaShana M. Lewis, Resident of the 19th Ward, Democrat
3. Daniel Zdrodowski, Resident of the 7th Ward, Republican
4. Eddie Roth, Resident of the 8th Ward, Independent
5. or Jerry Schlichter, Resident of the 28th Ward, Democrat